

SWANS

Support for women
and antenatal service

How to make a referral

Please complete a referral form. To do this:

Email:

swans@kirklees.gcsx.gov.uk (this is a secure email address)

Online referral form will be available soon.

Phone:

Hayley Wimpenny (Kirklees Council SWANS team)
on 07968 745869 or

NHS Specialist Midwife 07887 563708

Eden Team 07500 952929

Please note: The SWANS partnership and all representatives involved work in accordance with Kirklees Safeguarding Board Procedures.

With the help and support of our partners:

Kirklees Council, West Yorkshire Police, MARAC, Locala,
West Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Company,
Life Line Kirklees, OnTRAK, Pennine Domestic Violence Group,
Calderdale and Huddersfield Foundation Trust.

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Services for pregnant women with complex social needs

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support professionals

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What is SWANS?

SWANS is a service for pregnant women who have complex social needs.

Referral criteria

SWANS take referrals for:

- Women who experience domestic abuse
- Women who are affected by substance misuse
- Women affected by alcohol use
- Women involved in sex work

What we offer

SWANS provide a two part service:

- Multi Agency Risk Assessment
- Support group

Multi Agency Risk Assessment Service

A monthly Multi Agency Risk Assessment meeting takes place where key agencies work together to share, record and review information and highlight any risks that may impact on the safety, health and well-being of both mother and unborn baby. Support needs are identified at the meeting. This process applies to all pregnant women that are referred to the SWANS service. A risk assessment process is followed which includes:

- Initial assessment
- Review assessment
- 32 week pre-birth planning meeting
- Handover review

Support group

The SWANS support group meets weekly and takes place in an informal, non-clinical setting. It allows pregnant women to receive regular antenatal checks, antenatal education, housing/benefits advice and peer support.

What can pregnant women referred to SWANS expect?

We will:

- identify at an early stage any risk factors domestic abuse, violence and/or substance misuse may have on the children/unborn baby
- encourage vulnerable pregnant women and/or those with complex needs to seek early antenatal care and to receive any appropriate treatment
- develop an action plan to meet the needs of the pregnant woman, her baby and other children
- encourage communication between professionals so consistent advice is given to the pregnant women and concerns relating to domestic abuse, substance misuse and/or safeguarding are dealt with.